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POWER CRISIS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of grim power situation prevailing in Bihar at present;

(b) if so, whether the Central Sectors are not providing adequate power to the Bihar State resulting collapse of power distribution system;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the concrete action plan formulated to provide adequate power to Bihar from Central Sectors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (d) : The power supply position in Bihar during April-June, 2005 was as under:

	Energy (MU)		Peak (MW)
Energy Requirement	1941	Peak Demand	1050
Energy Availability	1601	Peak Met	965
Shortage	340	Shortage	85
Shortage (%)	17.5	Shortage (%)	8.1

The total allocation of power to the state of Bihar from Central Generating Stations in the Eastern Region and Chukha Hydroelectric Project is, 1060 MW. This constitutes about 100% of total peak demand in Bihar. The main reasons for the prevailing shortage of power in the state of Bihar are poor performance of State owned power stations. The supply and distribution of electricity in a state is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/State Power Utility. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by way of generation capacity addition and establishment of bulk transmission system in the Central Sector by the Central Public Sector Undertakings.